

get sent by post will be free. Sandy Boggan suggested we deliver the schedules to the members with a note attached encouraging them to exhibit.

Trade Stand Dawson Thomson is willing to come again.

Judges: Flowers: Mrs J. Lockburn & friend

Vegetables: Mrs R B Wood

Children's: Mrs. Y. Henderson and

Mrs. Anderson.

Industrial: to be arr. by Miss Mac^{Maugh}

It was decided not to loan out our vase to Pentcaitland Flower Show.

Next Committee meeting will be 14th Feb. 1980

J. M. Hamilton (secr.)

J. L. McMillan.

14th February 1980

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Goblin Ha' Hotel at 7³⁰ pm. Dr. John Sheldon in the chair.

Apologies from Miss Widdell, Mrs. Bathgate and Stan Monk.

1980 Show. Lady Haddington has agreed to open the Show. Miss Mac^{Maugh} has not yet contacted the judges for the Industrial section.

Xmas tree. About 40 bulbs were broken and stolen, and there was an accident at the tree when 2 people & were hurt when a small boy touched an empty socket. As the Highways Department is having a serious look into all the xmas trees in the region

a more efficient method will be needed, and our Society will go into the matter with the Community Council. A fence round the tree is not practicable - this year the tree was smaller than usual and as a result the bulbs hung lower than usual, but we must guard against accidents - may have to reduce the voltage, and that means new bulbs. We must comply with the Health & Safety Act.

Belish We have more entertainers than before contributions to raffle will be much appreciated. Mrs Lockhart & Mrs. Howat will assist with the tea. We may have an accordion concert later in the spring. David Grindlay will look into the matter.

Newsletter The president will edit this, to include to Com. Co. date of events.

Outing '80 To Sir George Taylor at Belhaven, 11th June to leave at 6pm - cost of bus 0.85.

Schedules to be free to members, patrons and advertisers.

Y. Henderson was on show - Mrs. Taylor will look into engraving of this: "Presented by Yvonne Henderson, 1980" - and also insurance of trophies.

Marquee this year will cost £428.70 + VAT - less 1 section the price would be £22 less - next year when Village Hall may be available we will discuss this again. There was a suggestion that we get a VAT registered firm to sponsor the show,

this matter will be looked into.

Finance We have £231.04 in deposit acc., and £34 in current acc. The Quiz brought in £4.10 - as it was a great success the secretary to write and ask for one for 1981.

A question arose about bulkbuying and then selling compost etc. to members - this to be brought up at autumn meeting held committee meeting 1st May 1980 (to include 'cottagers' section discussion)

to Mr Hamilton (secr.)
J.L. Nelson

May 1st 1980.

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Goblin Ha' Hotel at 7³⁰. The President Dr. John Sheldon was in the chair. Apologies from Mrs. Lockerbie, Mrs. Bathgate, Mrs. Armstrong and Miss McLaughlin.

Beilidh '80 Sandy Boggan reported that all went well and we made a profit of £133.09, thanks to generous raffle prizes. The President thanked the entertainments committee for their hard work and wanted it minuted that when members volunteer for work it is expected they turn up for duty whatever other commitments.

The Schedules The cost of producing a schedule is 13½ p each, and we discussed maybe to raise the advertising fee, this being left

to the A.G.M. As so few schedules have gone up till now it shows that they are maybe mostly lifted by children at the Post Office and Mrs. Hogg.

Outing '80 It was decided to make the bus £1 per head and give Sir George Taylor the difference for his charities. Hat to be put round in the bus for the driver's tip. Notice to go in P.O. window 3-4 weeks before 11th June.

J. Henderson Mr Taylor has been advised to insure this for £50, also that it would deface the trophy to have it engraved, and instead to have a small plate attached with the inscription on this. Cost £10.00, and it will read "Presented to the Gifford Horticultural Society by Yvonne Henderson, 1980."

Marquee Sponsorship The President has gone into this and has found out that it may be too dangerous a procedure as the sponsor might be taxed on this "gift". David Brindlay will keep an eye on other societies to see how they handle this. The School. There was talk about using the school for the flower show instead of the marquee, but it was decided to go on with the marquee as long as we have the funds, and look into whether we could run the show for 2 days as this would also please the exhibitors, who are to be asked whether they would be in favour, and also the extra cost of marquee. To be put to A.G.M.

Bulk buying Arrangements to be left till autumn, but Sandy Boggon has JALTEX for members in store - in coffeejars at £3.30, £3.00 and £1.50 each. The bulk buying will be for members only, it is hoped we will increase our membership this way.

Accordion Concert Lectures. Dropped for this year.

The President said the turn-out for these were pathetic, and either we change to something else or more people must attend, but we will try for one good lecture in 1980-81. So the provisional dates for next season were made as follows: 27th Nov: lecture - Nov. 6th A.G.M. - Febr. 5th 1981 quiz - March 5th lecture - concert, book stall for March 18th. We must publicize more.

Plant Sale on May 14th, 10 a.m. for 10.30, if wet in Tweeddale Pw. Derek Jennings to be asked to get the tables from Red Gill.

Flower Show Mrs. McKay in charge of tea-tent, Mrs. Knowat in charge of raffle, 1st prize to be £10.00 again. List of donations to raffle handed round.

Cottages Sec. Sandy Boggon said it was no good changing around with the schedule, and the meeting unanimously agreed, there was no support for the motion.

R.C.H.S. As this is so unsatisfactory as regards to correspondence etc. we may join the National Vegetable Society instead, but the President will write to the President of the RCHS first.

A letter from Mrs. Creswick was read stating that he wishes to withdraw

as patron, and his name removed from our list.

Next meeting on 14th July 1980, postcards to all members.

John Hamilton
sect.

J.C. Miller

July 14th 1980

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Goblin Ha' Hotel at 7³⁰ p.m. Dr. Sheldon in the chair.

Apologies from Sandy Boggon, David Grindley and Mrs. Harrison.

Plant Sale. A very good effort by everyone, and the profits were around £110. Maybe next year we may change the sale to a Sunday and use the Village Hall for tea.

R.C.H.S. Still no news from the Society in reply to letters and personal telephone calls from our president, so in Sept. we will think seriously about the National Vegetable Society instead.

A.G.M. & Lectures. These dates are settled - the Quiz is settled, and Mr. Masterston suggested one lecture by a man from Edinburgh Botanical Gardens, another possibility being Sidney Clark.

Flower Show. Show Secretary, Treasurer and Sec. to be at Mairns Shop at 7 p.m. on Thursday ~~21st~~ 21st. As many as possible to be in the Marquee on Friday 22nd. Sandy Boggon to speak to Derek Jennings.

Electricity from Mrs. Mullen at the cost of £5. Angus Fairgrieve as night watchman, £6. ~~Saturday morning~~ put plastic down Friday pm in any case. As the chairs will be at Forbes Lodge on the 9th, maybe they could remain there till Show Day. Tables to be fetched from Yester Mains. Water from the Tweeddale Arms, Angus Fairgrieve in charge of this. Tannoy from Jilly Jackson, Gavin Desells to do this, on Friday afternoon.

Show Day. Everyone possible to be in marquee between 8 & 9 a.m. Judges to be invited for 10 o'clock coffee, and judging to start at 10³⁰. Mrs. Lockerbie and John Harrison to have lunch with the judges at the Tweeddale Arms at 1 pm. The Countess of Haddington to be given a bouquet and no gift token. Mr. Bathgate to be asked to make this bouquet.

Door: 1-2 pm Angus Fairgrieve
2-3.15 P. Skea
3-4. Sandy Boggon & S. Monk.
4-5. J. Sheldon & Masterton

Everyone out at 5³⁰.

Substitute Cup Winners: Mrs. Darbey and John Harrison. Ask David Grindley to provide cake for the competition of guessing the weight, this to be run by Mrs. Darbey & Mrs. Kerr. Teas by Mr. McKay who will provide her own helpers. Mrs. Monk will be at the Sales Table.

The Stewards to be: Flowers: P. Skea, S. Boggon & Mr. Masterton. Vegetables: S. Monk,

David Grindley & Mrs. Mowat. Floral Art: Mr. Harrison & Mrs. Darbey. Childrens Sec.: Miss McNaughton & Mrs. Bathgate. Industrial Sect. Miss Weddell & Mrs. Lockerbie.

Publicity: as much as possible, lots of posters, the Scotsman, Courier, E. Lothian news & Radio Forth.

Raffle books and money to be handed in on Thursday 21st Aug. The auction to be at 5³⁰ pm, John Beaman to be asked to do this. The Raffle to be drawn at 5 pm.

It was suggested that we all ask our neighbours to exhibit, to get more entries. Next meeting on Sept. 4th at the Goblin Ha'.

John Hamilton, Sec.
J. C. M.

4th September 1980.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in the Goblin Ha' Hotel at 7³⁰ pm. The president, Dr. Sheldon in the chair. Sec. read the minutes from Mrs. Darbey.

Apologies
R.C.H.S.

Only parts of what was needed turned up, and there were no medal cards. At the AGM we will discuss whether to join the National Vegetable Society instead or maybe join both.

Treasurer's
Report.

30 schedules were sold at the door, we took in £562.80 at the show ~~which partly paid for itself this year~~, and we have a good bank balance.

Prize money. As this was not satisfactory it was decided that there should only be 3 prizes per entry, 1st, 2nd and 3rd - or only a certain sum, so if 2 1st prizes are awarded the money must be divided equally, this to be put in the schedule. This refers mostly to the Industrial Section, and the judges are to be reminded of this next year.

Mrs. Harrison thanked Mr. Skea for his help. The Show Secretary reported that all went well and thanked everybody for making the Show a success.

Some entry cards were not correctly filled in.

Marquee. As this was erected on the Thursday instead of Friday, as ordered, we must make sure we are not responsible for any damage done to it as our insurance only covers Friday and Saturday, the secretary to write to Leith about this when ordering marquee for 1981. Sandy Boggan said we should not accept responsibility after the Show.

Vases. Some vases were broken, the president will ask whether the insurance will pay.

Chairs etc. A letter from Mr. Hill was read - in future Mr. Maslowski is in charge of equipment.

Vases again. There is a shortage of 10" vases, so secr. to order another 50.

Lunches for judges. John Harrison reported that the judges said they would be happy with something less grand, a buffet lunch in the marquee made by members would be welcome.

The Raffle. ~~This~~ This is a licenced raffle, so if two

or more prizes are drawn for the same person we must we must give the winner what he wins.

Opening of Show. It was suggested we dismiss the Opening and substitute this with "Presentation of Prizes", start selling at 1 pm. but shut down for 15 min. during the Presentation.

Loudspeaker. We need one more speaker and more flex. Entry money. Leave as it is.

Missing entries. Some entries went missing, Sandy Boggan thought mostly through misunderstanding, but Miss MacKington thought it was because of not enough room in the Industrial Section, perhaps the stewards could supervise the removal of articles. Sandy Boggan suggested more staging for this section.

Int. Soc. Comp. Which we won this year, and will host in 1981. So we need space for at least 6 entries, each of which needs 5', so we hope to have the teas in the hall and use extra marquee for this competition.

Schedules. 200 will be enough for 1981.

A.G.M. Suggestion that we just write Amateur and not the full-time gardeners bit. Also that we modernise the children's section & get some advice from the young mothers.

Lectures. By Sidney Clark on Nov. 27th, think of somebody for 5th March. The Quiz is 5th Feb.

Christmas Tree. We will continue to erect this, but the Community Council pays all expenses, and Stan Monk will go on the C.C. sub-committee.

Committee Proposals. The President is resigning after 4 years in office. He suggested we needed some new

blood in and maybe members should retire after three years on committee. Should we raise this at the AGM? Sandy Boggan thinks we should leave things as they are, Mr. Harrison said we should approach new people, but Miss Weddell thinks no young people are interested. But we should try to get some new names willing to serve.

A decision to be made at the pre-AGM committee meeting.

Mr. Masterton is in charge of possible film to be shown after AGM.

Next meeting on Nov. 6th in school, at 7³⁰, AGM at 8 pm.

P.S. Mrs. Mowat thanked all members and friends for raffle prizes.

John Hamilton
Secr.

Sandy Boggan

6th November 1980.

A short Committee meeting was held in Yester School before the AGM at 7³⁰ pm. Dr. Sheldon in the chair.

Apologies Mrs. Lockerbie.

Resignations Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. Bathgate, Mrs. Lockerbie, Mrs. Armstrong, Miss McNaughton & Miss Weddell.

Finance will be reported in minutes of AGM.

Raffle Mrs. Mowat suggested more money prizes, this being left for the new committee.

Xmas tree Mr. Monk reported on meeting with the Electricity Board and the Community Council. The President went over Agenda for AGM. Next meeting and repeated his resignation.

A.G.M. 1980

This was held in Yester Primary School on Thursday November 6th at 7³⁰. Dr. Sheldon in the chair. He welcomed a good turn-out of members and the public.

The secretary read the minutes of 1979 AGM. Inter-Society We won this, and the trophy was on show. Competition The President thanked David Grindlay and Mrs & Mr Kerr and all who contributed.

Treasurer's Report. We started last year with a bank balance of £909.19 and ended this year with one of £1081.48, in spite of no extra incomes apart from the ceilidh. The loss on the show is still around £200. The president thanked the auditor.

President's Report. The lectures: The Quiz was a success, but the lectures not well attended.

The ceilidh brought in £133.00 and was as good as usual, and he thanked the Social Committee. The Plant Sale was better than ever, we must try to make it even better next year. The Outing to Belhaven was spoilt by torrential rain. The Show was the best ever, many thanks to the Show Secretary. The rosettes were distributed, and the Yvonne Henderson trophy awarded for the first time.

The president thanked the two secretaries, Mrs. Mackay & Mrs. Hamilton for help during his time in office, also the committee, and the outgoing members of this.

The Committee Richard Hamilton suggested the committee consists of fewer members, this was seconded by Mr. Masterton, but a show

Mr. Taylor

of hands showed this not popular, and Sandy Boggan said a big committee distributed all over the village stimulated more interest. Mrs. Harrison proposed the committee stays as it is, this was seconded by Mr. Taylor.

Election

Mr. Ann Jeffray, prop. John Harrison, sec. Mrs. Kerr
Mr. Ian Rattray, prop. Mr. Harrison, sec. John Harrison.
Dr. Langlands, prop. David Grindlay, sec. Stan Monk.
Miss McArthur, prop. Mrs. Harrison, sec. John Harrison.
Mrs. Kate Jennings, prop. Sandy Boggan, sec. Miss Weddell
Mr. George Milne, prop. John Harrison, sec. Mrs. Harrison.
Mrs. Harrison wishes to retire as treasurer next year, and Mr. Skea has volunteered to take her place.

So The committee now has a new president as Dr. Sheldon retires after four years, and Sandy Boggan is the new president

The new Committee:

President: Mr. Sandy Boggan
Vice President: Mr. John Harrison.
Show Secretary: Mr. W. Taylor
Treasurer: Mrs. A. Harrison.
Secretary: Mrs. B. M. Hamilton

Dr. Sheldon, Mrs. F. Darbey, Mr. P. Skea, Mr. W. F. Masterton,
Mr. W. J. Mowat, Mr. S. Monk, Mr. A. Fairgrieve,
Mr. D. Grindlay, Mr. D. Jennings, Mrs. Ann Jeffray,
Mr. Ian Rattray, Dr. Langlands, Miss McArthur,
Mrs. Kate Jennings & Mr. George Milne.

R. C. H. S.

This has proved to be a very unsatisfactory Society, but it was decided to try one more year, and to join the National Vegetable Society as well.

Xmas tree

The Electricity Board is checking on all Xmas trees, so there must be changes in our arrangements as well. Stan Monk reported on a meeting with Electricity Board officials - new cables, lower voltage etc. are needed, but we hope to have a tree this year with what we have.

Lectures

First lecture by Sidney Clark on 17th Nov, 5th Feb. Quiz, 5th March to be arranged.

1981 Show

will be on 12th August.

Section 1 - Amateurs - will stay as it is. Dr. Sheldon then vacated the chair, and Sandy Boggan took over. He first of all thanked Dr. Sheldon for all his work during the past four years, having been thrown in at the deep end so to speak. Also a thank you to the retiring members. And please better attendance at ~~the~~ lectures.

Bulk-Buying

Everybody was in favour of this, Sandy Boggan & David Grindlay will work out details and will announce at next talk. This will be limited to Members Only.

Mr. Masterton then introduced two films which Sandy Boggan thanked him for procuring: "National Trust of Scotland Gardens", and "Roses".

B. M. Hamilton
sec.

Sandy Boggan.

3rd December 1980.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in the Goblin Ha' Hotel at 7³⁰ pm. The president Sandy Boggan in the chair. After welcoming the new committee members he also thanked the retiring members for all their work during many years.

Apologies from Mrs. Jeffray and David Grindlay. The Secretary read the minutes from meeting on 4th Sept.

Spring lectures. The president hopes all committee members will help publish these in their own vicinities. On March 5th a lecture and film show will be given by the Region Keeper of Edinburgh Botanical Gardens, Mr. Douglas Henderson. Feb. 5th is the night for the Quiz.

Vases. There was no insurance to be got on the broken ones, so secretary has ordered 50 more 10".

Enter-Soc. Comp. It is not our turn to stage this in '81. A G M 1981 This will be on November 12th and secr. to ask for film from Murphys for this. Social Comm. Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Hamilton, David Grindlay, John Harrison and Sandy Boggan. Date for Beilidh still to be decided, also whether we hold a concert in the school or have an accordion night.

Plant Sale on 6th June, and make no changes for 1981

Outing 1981 To Edrom Nurseries with maybe a bar supper also, secr. to see about a suitable place near Edrom. Maybe early June. Secr. to write to Mr. Jermyan.

Christmas Tree to be erected on Dec. 20th, but the ^{Highways} Electricity Dep. will make the connections. The tree will come down on 3rd January.

Bulk Buying David Grindlay has prices for this, and everybody was enthusiastic over the saving of money - for members only!

Flower Show on 22nd August 1981. Secr. to order marquee as usual, same size as 1980. Mrs. Anna Younger to be asked to present the prizes. Dawson Thomson for stall as usual. Secr. to approach the judges. Lunch for judges at the Goblin, maybe slightly less elaborate. Schedules to cost 10p, and 400 to be ordered, but members to deliver to neighbours to encourage them to exhibit.

Advertisements £5 full page, £3 half. Membership remains at 50p. Prize money goes up to 30p. - 20p. - 15p. Entries 5p. each, £1 for 20 or more, children free.

Admission members free, Non members 25p., children at school 10p. Amendments: Enter in list of Special Prizes the winners for 1980.

The committee then divided to consider changes in schedule 1981.

Next meeting on January 27th in the Goblin.

John Hamilton secr.

Sandy Boggan